

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Duke Confirmation No.: 8258
Appl. No.: 10/576,744 Group Art Unit: 3643
Filed: 02/15/2008 Examiner: Danielle A. Clerkley
For: MILKING EQUIPMENT AND METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
AND AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2010, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 26-38, and Group II, namely Claims 39-63.

The Examiner has also required an election of species within Group II if that group is elected. Three species are identified: Species A (Claims 39-44), Species B (Claims 52-57), and Species C (Claims 58-63).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.